ECCLESIASTICUS

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22:1 A slothful man is compared to a filthy stone, and every one will hiss him out to his disgrace.

22:2 A slothful man is compared to the filth of a dunghill:

every man that
takes it up, will
shake his hand.
22:3 An evil
nurtured son is
the dishonor of his
father that begat
him: and a *foolish*
daughter is born
to his loss.
22:4 A wise daughter

shall bring an inheritance to her husband: but she that liveth dishonestly, is her fathers heaviness.

22:5 She that is bold, dishonoreth both her father and her husband, but they both shall

despise her.
22:6 A tale out of season *is as* music in mourning: but stripes and correction of wisdom are never out of time.
22:7 Who so teacheth a fool, is as one

that gleweth a potsheard together, and as he that waketh one from a sound sleep.

22:8 He that telleth a tale to a fool, speaketh to one in a slumber: when he hath told his tale, he will say, What is the matter?

22:9 If children live honestly, and have wherwithall, they shall cover the baseness of their parents.

22:10 But children being haughty through disdain, and want of nurture, do stain the nobility of their kindred.

22:11 Weep for the dead, for he hath lost the light: and weep for the fool, for he wanteth understanding: make little weeping for the dead, for he is at rest: but the life of the fool is worse than death.

22:12 Seven days do

men mourn for him that is dead; but for a fool, and an ungodly man, all the days of his life.

22:13 Talk not much with a fool, and go not to him that hath no understanding, beware of him lest thou have trouble, and

thou shalt never be defiled with his fooleries: depart from him, and thou shalt find rest, and never be disquieted with madness.

22:14 What is heavier than lead? and what is the name thereof, but a fool?

22:15 Sand, and salt, and a mass of iron is easier to bear than a man without understanding.

22:16 As timber girt and bound together in a building, cannot be loosed with shaking: so the heart that is stablished by advised

counsel, shall fear
at no time.
22:17 A heart settled
upon a thought of
understanding, is as a
fair plaistering on the
wall of a gallery.
22:18 Pales set on an
high place will never
stand against the
wind: so a fearful

heart in the
imagination of a
fool, can not stand
against any fear.
22:19 He that pricketh
the eye, will make
tears to fall: and
he that pricketh the
heart, maketh it to
shew her knowledge.
22:20 Who so casteth

a stone at the birds, frayeth them away, and he that upbraideth his friend, breaketh friendship.

22:21 Though thou drewest a sword at thy friend, yet despair not, for there may be a returning (to favor.)

22:22 If thou hast

opened thy mouth against thy friend, fear not, for there may be a reconciliation: except for upbraiding, or pride, or disclosing of secrets, or a treacherous wound, for, for these things every friend will depart.

22:23 Be faithful to thy neighbor in his poverty, that thou mayest rejoice in his prosperity: abide stedfast unto him in the time of his trouble, that thou mayest be heir with him in his heritage: for a mean estate is not always to

be contemned, nor the rich that is foolish, to be had in admiration.

22:24 As the vapor and smoke of a furnace goeth before the fire: so reviling before blood.

22:25 I will not be ashamed to defend a friend: neither will I

hide my self from him.
22:26 And if any evil happen unto me by him, every one that heareth it will beware of him.
22:27 Who shall set a watch before my mouth, and a seal of wisdom upon my lips, that I fall

not suddenly
by them, and
that my tongue
destroy me not?